

D-788  
Layton's Store  
Vienna vicinity  
c. 1850, c. 1910  
Private

While in an advanced state of deterioration, the old Layton's store on Elliott Island Road nevertheless reflects the widespread nature of rural commerce during the nineteenth century. Centrally located in the Drawbridge Election District, the William Layton store was located on the 1877 district map as well as listed in the business directory as a "Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Notions and General Merchandise." The oldest part of the Layton store is a second quarter of the nineteenth century timber frame structure built with an exposed joist ceiling and board walls, all of which were coated with whitewash. The c. 1840-50 store had a double door entrance. Around the turn of the twentieth century, a larger story-and-a-half addition was financed, which obscured the older building from the road. Consistent with the early twentieth century, the addition was assembled with lighter weight framing materials and assembled with wire nails. The interior survives with a mass-produced beaded board, tongue-and-groove sheathing on the walls and ceiling. Access to the upper floor was provided with a boxed staircase that was cut through the ceiling of the older rear wing.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Layton's Store

other Cokeland Store

### 2. Location

street and number Elliott's Island Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Vienna ☒ vicinity

county Dorchester

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street and number telephone 410-

city, town state MD zip code

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber folio

city, town Cambridge tax map tax parcel tax ID number

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The old Layton's Store, also known as the Cokeland Store, stands on the north side of Elliott's Island Road southwest of Henry's Crossroads in the vicinity of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, two-part frame store structure dates from two distinct periods, the rear portion was erected initially around 1840-50, while the front portion is an early twentieth century addition that more than doubled the space of the original store. Supported on a brick pier foundation, the exterior is covered with plain weatherboards, and the roof is sheathed with corrugated metal. The building has reached an advanced state of disrepair. It faces east with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Layton's Store, or more generally, the Cokeland Store, stands along Elliott's Island Road several miles southwest of Henry's Crossroads in the vicinity of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland. Supported on a brick pier foundation, the exterior is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding and the gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. The gable-front frame store was erected in two distinct periods with the front portion dating around 1900-10, while the slightly shorter single-story rear wing, is an older structure dating to the mid nineteenth century.

The east (main) elevation is a three-bay façade with a center entrance and flanking windows. The door and window sash, now missing, were two-over-two sash. A single window opening pierces the gable end, but it too has rotted away. The weatherboard siding, fastened with wire nails, has fallen away, exposing the braced frame construction of the turn of the twentieth century structure. The side elevations of the front portion are blind due to the shelving on each interior wall.

The older rear wing was resheathed with the erection of the front addition, and old down braces were removed in some locations to facilitate alterations to the older building. The heavy dimensioned hand hewn braced frame construction is clearly evident and contrasts distinctly with the construction methods of the front section. The rear section has an exposed beam ceiling covered with whitewash, and the flooring for the loft above is of wide dimension typical of mid nineteenth century buildings. The rear wing interior also has remnants of interior board wall sheathing, also covered with whitewash. The original storefront was a three-bay façade, and it remains essentially intact and partially obscured by the front portion. A double-door center entrance is flanked by window openings. The original double doors, featuring second quarter of the nineteenth century panels and panel moldings below the lock rail, have four-pane windows above the lock rail. A later boxed staircase of circular sawn lumber was introduced into the southwest corner of the mid nineteenth century store structure. Also introduced was a single flue brick stove chimney, built on the inside wall surface of the older store building.

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The interior of the turn of the twentieth century store is sheathed all around with narrow tongue-and-groove beaded boards, and portions of the wall shelving remain on each side. The floor has rotted to large degree.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

While in an advanced state of deterioration, the old Layton's store on Elliott Island Road reflects the widespread nature of rural commerce during the nineteenth century. Centrally located in the Drawbridge Election District, the William Layton advertised in the 1877 atlas as a "Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Notions, and General Merchandise."<sup>1</sup> The oldest part of the Layton Store is a second quarter of the nineteenth century timber frame structure built with an exposed joist ceiling and board walls, all of which were coated with whitewash. The c. 1840-50 store had a double-door front entrance. Around the turn of the twentieth century, a larger story-and-a-half expansion was financed that obscured the older building from the road. Consistent with the early twentieth century, the addition was built with lighter weight framing materials fastened with wire nails, and the interior was finished with mass-produced tongue-and-groove beaded board walls and ceiling. Access to the upper level was provided with a boxed staircase introduced into the rear section.

<sup>1</sup> John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Co

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1.2010, Paul Baker Touart, photographer, Negative/MD Historical Trust

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage of historical setting \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Chicamacomico, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

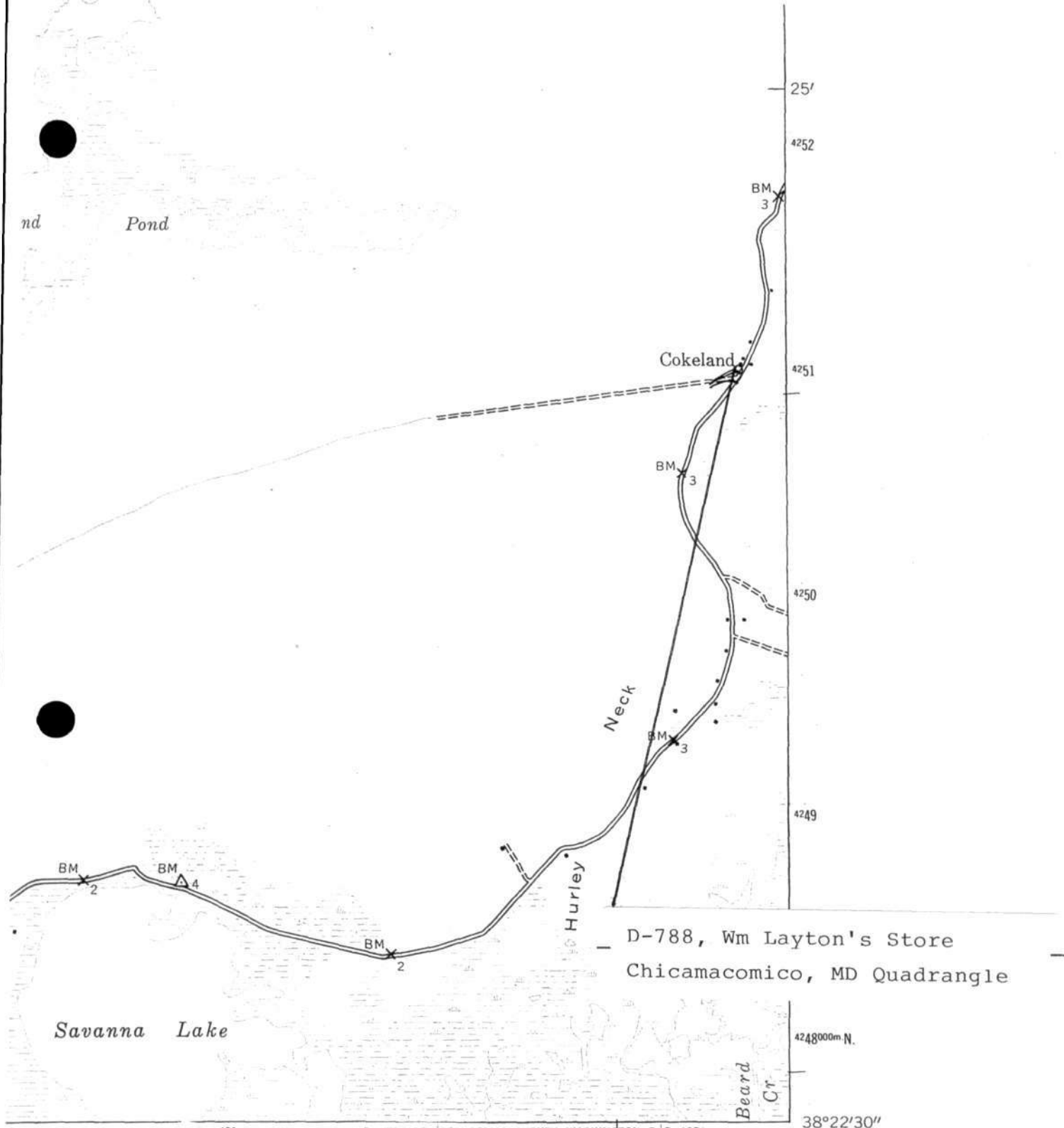
## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	12.3.2009
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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D-788, Wm Layton's Store  
Chicamacomico, MD Quadrangle

Savanna Lake

Hurley

Beard  
Cr

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423000m E.

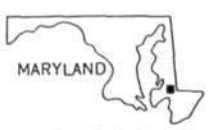
38°22'30"

75°52'30"

(WETIPQUIN)  
5860 N SE

# ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Light-duty ————— Unimproved dirt =====



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

CHICAMACOMICO, MD.  
NW/4 NANTICOKE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3822.5—W7552.5/7.5



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COKELAND STONE (LAYTON'S STONE)  
VIENNA, DORCHESTER CO., MD.

EAST ELEVATION

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COCKLAND STONE (Layton's Street)

VIENNA, DORCHESTER CO., MD.

INTERIOR - INTERIOR PARTITION  
FORMER FRONT TO EARLIER  
STORE

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COKELAND STONE (LAYTON'S STORE)

VIENNA VICINITY, DORCHESTER CO., MD.

EXPOSED FROM WISITS AT JUNCTION  
OF TWO SECTIONS

SOUTHER ELEVATION

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